

Vermont Law School • 20__ • MELP Application

Thank you for your interest in Vermont Law School.

Distance Learning: To apply for admission to Vermont Law School's **online program** you'll need to read through the admissions requirements and gather the necessary materials before submitting your application. The best and easiest way to get started in the admissions process is to contact an enrollment advisor at 866-441-3807. They are available to answer any questions you have and make the admissions process as easy as possible.

Campus Program: Completed applications for the **on campus program** are reviewed on a rolling basis beginning in late November and continuing until all admissions decisions have been mailed. The preferred application deadline is March 1.

The following items are required to complete your application to the MELP program.

- Completed application form
- \$60 application fee
- Professional résumé or curriculum vitae
- Essays as described in the application
- Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate institutions attended
- Two letters of recommendation
- Optional: GRE, GMAT or LSAT report with current test score
- All foreign applicants who have not lived or studied in an English speaking country for at least two years must submit IELTS, PTE or TOEFL scores.

All transcripts and letters of recommendation must be sent directly to the VLS Admissions Office. LSAC will not process Credential Assembly Service (LSDAS) files for MELP applicants.

Please refer to the Vermont Law School website for complete program descriptions and application information to each of the dual degree programs. Admission to the MELP program does not ensure admission to a dual degree program.

Credits received at other institutions transfer at the discretion of the VLS Registrar.

We encourage you to contact the Admissions Office if you have any questions

Toll Free:	888-277-5985	Distance Learning:	
Phone:	802-831-1239	Toll Free:	866-441-3807
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Program Options

- Full-Time Program
- Part-Time Program
- Summers Only Program

- On Campus
- Distance Learning (DL)

Optional Dual Degree Interest

(Please refer to the VLS website for program descriptions and admission requirements for the dual degree programs. Admission to the MELP program does not ensure admission to a dual degree program.)

Entering Term

- Spring (DL only)
- Summer
- Fall

- MELP/JD with University of South Carolina
- MELP/JD with University of South Dakota
- MELP/JD with Northeastern University
- MELP/MBA with Dartmouth College
- MELP/MSNR with University of Vermont
- MELP/MBA, MA or MS with Thunderbird School of Global Management

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Applicant Information

U.S. Social Security/SIN# <small>(used for identification purposes)</small>	Have you applied for entrance to Vermont Law School in any previous year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Year _____
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Legal Name Last name	First name	Middle name
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Previous Name _____

Name you prefer to be called	Gender
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Current mailing address in full (good until mo./day/yr.: _____)	Permanent mailing address in full
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No. and street	No. and street
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City	City
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State	State
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Zip Code	Country	Zip Code	Country
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Current telephone no. <small>(include area code)</small>	Permanent telephone no. <small>(include area code)</small>
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Current fax no. <small>(include area code)</small>	Permanent fax no. <small>(include area code)</small>
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Current Email address <small>(It is critical that we have your current email address as this will be our primary means of communicating with you regarding your application.)</small>	Permanent Email address
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Age	Date of birth (mo./day/yr.)	Place of birth: City State Country
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What is your first language?	Are you a Resident Alien? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Country of citizenship	If born outside the country, when did you enter the United States?
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Vermont Law School values the diversity of our student body. If you wish to voluntarily identify yourself to the law school as a member of a particular ethnic group, please respond to the following questions.

Are you Hispanic/Latino? ____ yes ____ no Select all that apply:	<input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> Mexican American <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rican <input type="checkbox"/> White, Not of Hispanic Origin <input type="checkbox"/> Two or more races	Do you wish to identify yourself as a gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender person? ____ yes ____ no
<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian			

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Educational Background

List the colleges, universities, and/or law schools you have attended since high school graduation. Place an "X" in the box before the name of the institution you are now attending or most recently attended.

<input type="checkbox"/> Institution	Dates	Location	Credits or degree earned	Major
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Military

Have you served, or are you now serving, on full-time, active US military duty?

Yes No

Date of entrance _____

Date of discharge _____

Rank _____

Expected military reserve or National Guard status during law school _____

Branch _____

Discharge type _____

Have you ever been separated from any branch of the US armed forces under less than honorable conditions?

Yes No

Areas of Interest

If you had to decide now, which field(s) would you most likely pursue while at Vermont Law School? You are making no commitment by checking these boxes.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Dispute Resolution | <input type="checkbox"/> Ethics and Environmental Justice | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Resources and Water Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Climate Change | <input type="checkbox"/> International Environmental Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Pollution Prevention and Abatement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Law and Policy | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use and Sustainable Development | |

How did you hear about VLS?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney | <input type="checkbox"/> Guidebook | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-law Advisor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Campus Visit | Name _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Published Rankings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College/University Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Law School Forum (LSAC)/GRE Forum | Name _____ |
| City/Date _____ | City/Date _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> VLS Alumnae/e |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College/University Professor | <input type="checkbox"/> LSAC Web Site | Name _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail from VLS | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> VLS Web Site |

Demographic Information

Parent 1 name in full _____

Parent's birthplace _____

Parent's occupation (former, if retired or deceased) _____

Did your parent attend college? Yes No

College(s) attended _____

Degree(s) earned _____

Parent 2 name in full _____

Parent's birthplace _____

Parent's occupation (former, if retired or deceased) _____

Did your parent attend college? Yes No

College(s) attended _____

Degree(s) earned _____

Has anyone in your immediate family attended or graduated from Vermont Law School? Yes No

Name _____

Relationship _____ Graduation Year _____

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Essays

The following essay questions are intended to allow applicants the opportunity to present themselves fully and are critical to the Admissions Committee's ability to craft the student body. Please respond to each of the essay topics separately. The first two essays are required; the third essay is optional. Applicants are encouraged to be as forthright and open as possible, and should feel free to discuss unusual circumstances or situations of adversity that may have influenced their current values. Be aware that both the quality of your writing and the thoughtfulness of your answers will be evaluated.

1. Describe the goals that are motivating you to pursue a master's degree in environmental law and policy. How do you think the skills and experience you will gain at Vermont Law School will help you achieve those goals?
2. How have you tried to effect change in relation to an issue of personal, local, or national significance?
3. Optional Question: Give a realistic appraisal of your academic work since graduation from high school. Please note any inconsistencies in your record and the reasons for them.

Professional Resumé

Please enclose or attach a copy of your professional resumé showing your employment history since graduation from high school. If your education since high school graduation was interrupted from one semester or more, be sure to account for that period of time. In addition, please include awards, and extracurricular and personal activities.

Character and Fitness

Because of the high ethical standards to which VLS graduates are held, the failure to disclose an act or event such as the ones described below is often more significant, and leads to more serious consequences, than the act or event itself. Please read each question carefully and respond appropriately.

If the answer to any of the following questions is "yes," please explain fully on a separate sheet of paper. Although a charge or conviction may have been expunged, dismissed or vacated from your record by an order of the court, it nevertheless should be disclosed in answer to these questions, irrespective of any advice from any source that such information need not be disclosed.

Similar questions will be asked on the applications for governmental agencies and for state bar exams. The information you provide on this application must be consistent with answers you provide to the bar.

4. Have you ever, as an adult or as a juvenile, been charged with, arrested for, or convicted of a violation of any civil or criminal law, other than a parking violation or speeding ticket? Yes No
5. Are any civil or criminal charges pending against you? Yes No
6. Has any educational institution, governmental or administrative agency (including any branch of the Armed Forces), or employer ever taken disciplinary action (including academic probation or suspension) against you? Yes No

I certify that the foregoing information is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I shall promptly inform Vermont Law School if there is any change in any of the facts indicated herein prior to or during enrollment. False statements may result in dismissal or revocation of degree.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Thank you for the time and effort you have given to answer our questions. We have asked them in order to know you better.